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SUBJECT: ZAMBIA PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN
BRUSSELS ON JUNE 2

1. SUMMARY: AFTER AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE EC
COMMISSION, ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA TOLD THE PRESS ON
JUNE 2 THAT HE SUPPORTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S INITIATIVES
REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE VALUED
RELATIONS WITH AND THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EC. KAUNDA
CONDEMNED THE REGIMES OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA,
AND HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE NOTES OF A MISSION
EMPLOYEE WHO ATTENDED KAUNDA'S PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 2
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IN BRUSSELS. KAUNDA BEGAN BY SAYING THAT HE HAD ALWAYS
FAVORED A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA,
BUT IT WAS CURRENTLY THE MOMENT TO FIGHT. HE ADDED,
"ZAMBIA WILL NOT ATTACK, BUT IT IS READY TO REPEL THE
ENEMY AND WILL USE THE RIGHT OF PURSUIT, IF NECESSARY."
KAUNDA CONDEMNED THE RHODESIAN INVASION
OF MOZAMBIQUE, CALLING IT A CHALLENGE TO THE ANGLO/

AMERICAN INITIATIVE. THE INVASION ALSO INDICATED THAT RHODESIA WAS NOT READY FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND ITS REGIME PLANNED TO STAY IN POWER. KAUNDA CONSIDERED THE ATTACK ON MOZAMBIQUE AS ALSO AN ATTACK ON ZAMBIA.

3. REPLYING TO A QUESTION CONCERNING EUROPE'S ROLE IN THE CONFLICT, KAUNDA SAID, "THE RACIST AND FASCIST FORCES IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA CAN LAST NO LONGER THAN THE PERIOD THE WEST ALLOWS THEM TO LAST. THESE FORCES, OF COURSE, REPRESENT WESTERN INTERESTS, BUT THESE INTERESTS STAND TO LOSE MORE BY SUPPORTING WHITE MINORITIES." HE ADDED THAT WESTERN INVESTMENTS IN INDEPENDENT AFRICA SHOULD BE INCREASING MORE RAPIDLY THAN THEY ARE AT PRESENT.

4. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION REGARDING PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, KAUNDA REPLIED, "THE NEW POLICY TOWARD AFRICA INITIATED BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENTS ARE THE MOST POWERFUL LANGUAGE ON HUMAN RIGHTS THAT I HAVE EVER HEARD. ONLY TIME WILL TELL, HOWEVER, WHETHER THE AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT WILL ALLOW CARTER TO CARRY OUT HIS VIEWS. EACH TIME PRESIDENT CARTER SPEAKS, HE IMPRESSES ME AS AN HONEST MAN."

5. KAUNDA WAS ASKED HIS VIEWS ON THE ANGLO/AMERICAN INITIATIVE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. KAUNDA SAID, "THE US/UK ARE WELL-MEANING, BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THEIR EFFORTS WILL REALIZE A NEGOTIATED ARRANGEMENT FOR MAJORITY RULE WITHIN 2 YEARS. RHODESIA'S ATTACK ON MOZAMBIQUE INDICATES THAT IT WANTS TO PUT OFF NEGOTIATIONS. EUROPE AND THE UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S. SHOULD STOP ALL OIL DELIVERIES TO RHODESIA IN ORDER TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON IT."

6. REGARDING IDI AMIN OF UGANDA, KAUNDA SAID, "OPPRESSION IS OPPRESSION, DESPITE THE COLOR OF THE INDIVIDUAL. IF ZAMBIA WERE HOSTING THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, I WOULD NOT ACCEPT AMIN'S PRESENCE."

7. HE WAS ASKED FOR AN OPINION ON THE RECENT INCURSION INTO ZAIRE. KAUNDA SAID, "NOW THAT THE KATANGESE FORCES HAVE BEEN THROWN BACK, IT IS NOW TIME TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT WITH THE KATANGAN FACTION. THIS, OF COURSE, IS A QUESTION FOR PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO DECIDE."

8. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION CONCERNING ZAMBIAN COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION, KAUNDA SAID, "ZAMBIA ACCEPTS. ASSISTANCE FROM ALL WHO WILL HELP IN ITS EFFORTS TO GAIN INDEPENDENCE."

9. IN CONCLUDING, KAUNDA NOTED, "THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN OF VALUE TO ZAMBIA IN MANY WAYS. THE DETERMINATION OF EUROPE TO UNITE IS AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF

AFRICA. THE ATTEMPT OF EAST AFRICA TO UNITE HAS COLLAPSED
BECAUSE OF UGANDA. ZAMBIA HAS BENEFITED A GREAT DEAL
FROM EC AID BUT MORE IS NEEDED, NOT BECAUSE OF ZAMBIA'S
FAULT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE DROP IN THE COPPER PRICES AND
BECAUSE OF ZAMBIA'S TRANSPORT PROBLEMS." HINTON

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